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Yokota shares base and shade with visitors during Friendship Festival



photo by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown

The 57th Japanese-American annual Friendship Festival drew an above average crowd of approximately 132,000 here Saturday and Sunday. Visitors came from near and far to enjoy the many festivities and the multitude of military assets on display. Approximately 35 aircraft were on static display and the C-130 Hercules, C-21 Learjet and UH-1N Huey helicopters from the 374th Airlift Wing performed aerial demonstrations. Vendors at more than 200 booths sold souvenirs and a variety of food and beverages and entertainment continued throughout both days of the festival on two separate stages. Above, visitors take refuge from the intense heat under the wing of a C-130 on static display. Temperatures peaked on Saturday at 91 degrees, however with the high relative humidity, the heat index was 105 degrees. More photos on page 5.

Yokota medical facilities implementing electronic records

By Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 374th Medical Group will begin the transition to electronic paperless medical records in mid-September and is scheduled to be in place by late October.

This new system, Department of Defense's global electronic health record system to keep track of patient records, is called the Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application, known as AHLTA and is the largest system of its kind, defense officials have said.

"With the roll-out of AHLTA, the DoD has made a great step toward achieving President Bush's goal of making electronic health records available to a majority of Americans within 10 years," said Michael Leavitt, secretary of health and human services. "The lessons we learn from an initiative of this geographic scope and patient base will prove invaluable for future private and government health systems."

As with other changes to streamline the way the Air Force does business today, this is another way to benefit the patients and the medical community. "One of the biggest benefits to moving into a digital records base is to allow healthcare

providers access to data about beneficiaries' conditions, prescriptions, diagnostic tests and additional information essential to providing quality care," said Capt. Michelle Jones, 374th Medical Group, group practice manager.

The new system will improve continuity of care by making patient information available around the clock. Also, the ALTHA allows for a more one-on-one relationship between the provider and the patient, however, due to the more personalized attention, it may be more difficult to get an appointment.

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"Because the healthcare providers will be making detailed notes immediately into the patient's records, appointments will take longer, but will be more thorough," the captain said. "Mainly this means it may take longer to get an appointment, but you will have more time to discuss your health issues with your medical team."

The long-term vision — expected to be achieved in the next two to three years — is a continuously updated digital medical record from the point of injury or care on the battlefield to military clinics and hospitals, officials said. Records are all completely transferable electronically to the Veterans Health Administration.

Full deployment of the system in DoD's 800 clinics and 70 hospitals are scheduled to be complete by December 2006.

C-130 teamwork helps Japanese

By Capt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The fourth of July weekend was more than just a holiday weekend for the 374th Maintenance Squadron's metals technology flight; it also gave the members a chance to help the Japanese Air Self Defense Force.

Master Sgt. John Kendall and Senior Airman Christina Rosado, both from the metals technology flight here, were called in over the holiday to help give a Japanese C-130 crew the ability to get their plane airborne again.

The Japanese had to replace a trunnion fitting, which is a crucial part for a plane to be able to land. At the time, JASDF had no operational C-130s, so the two members of the maintenance squadron sprung into action to lend a hand.

"These parts are not that unusual to be replaced, due to the normal wear and tear of landing a plane," said Sergeant Kendall. "Our Japanese counterparts just had not had to change the part before."

Therefore, Sergeant Kendall and Airman Rosado spent hours on the holiday manufacturing bushings, which reduce friction and wear on the trunnion fitting, and providing detailed instructions on how to replace the part.

"It was a long day, but at the same time very rewarding," said both members. "Each of us was on a machine to make the bushings, and it took us about six hours to make all of the bushings needed," said the sergeant.

Even though the Air Force members were not able to directly train their Japanese counterparts, the JASDF members were ever grateful for the assistance provided by the 374th Airlift Wing.

"We got a nice thank you from Lt. Col. Hiroyuki Kondoh, the deputy commander of the maintenance and supply group from the 1st Tactical Airlift Wing," said the sergeant. "It was a nice touch to have them give such a heartfelt thank you for what we did."

"It was an honor to assist on something like this," said Airman Rosado. "This was my first chance to do something like this and even though it was a long day, it still was quite the unique experience to be able to do this."



photo by Capt. Ben Alumbaugh

The trunnion fitting, in yellow, is an integral part of the nose landing gear on a C-130 and requires specialized tools and training to replace.

Yokota's colonel and staff sergeant promotees

The following Team Yokota lieutenant colonels were selected for promotion to colonel:

From the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron: Lance Hafeli.

From the 374th Operations Group: Donald Kimminau.

The following Team Yokota senior airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant:

From the Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia: Dandrick Glenn; Vladimir Tchekan; and Joseph Wagner.

From the Air Force News Agency: Tamita Kea.

From the Defense Finance and Accounting Service: Melissa Munoz; Mircea Rosculet; and Tiffany Sorhaindo.

From the Pacific Air Forces Air Postal Squadron: Angela Blackwell; Michael Jones; Scott Myers; Anthony Parmenter; Bruce Santos; and Matthew Tirrell.

From the 5th Air Force: Natalie Gonzalez.

From the 36th Airlift Squadron: Brendon Glanzer.

From the 374th Aerospace Medicine

Squadron: Toinette McGrew.

From the 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Christopher Bobak; Jeramy Cote; Willard Glass; Jonathan Grady; Bryan Hill; Christopher Hoban; Nathaniel Morrison; Michael Nardone; Justin Pettit; Brandon Platt; Rafael Rodriguez; Justin Roper; Ian Schaefer; and David Stanford.

From the 374th Airlift Wing: Anthony Burton and Christopher Callan.

From the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron: George Canales; Daniel DeCastro; David Harris; Edwin Hold; Kevin Howell; Jason Jeans; Michael Johnson; Aaron Kim; Victor Nanez; Wayman Powers; Joshua Schmidt; Michael Shaffer; James Thompson; James Waldron; and Mardie Wilson.

From the 374th Communications Squadron: Brandon Bass; Adam Bloomfield; Michael Collins; Daniel Davis; Michael Dobson; Shannon Harris; Leslie Jones; Korla Khanthavilay; Christine Lea; Juan Lopez; Thomas Lynch; Jeremiah McCann; Aaron Myers; Michael Neeley; Jerrick Nunn; Glenn Page; Dexter Roberts; Daniel Rojas; Faye Rose; Ruth Salender;

Casey Steuber; Ryan Trandell; and Billy Wheaton.

From the 374th Comptroller Squadron: Sharma Haynes; April Horn; and Tanisha Tyler.

From the 374th Dental Squadron: Amber Bullis; Christopher Casey; and Gerard Denning.

From the 374th Logistics Readiness Center: Jamye Babocsi; Brandon Barr; Tasha Boone; Michael Brady; Andy Burke; Joaquin Castro; Ambrial Earvin; Nathan Filkins; Donnie Frazier; Michelle Griesse; Michael Harris; Eric Hinton; Keith Hopkins; William Kennedy; Roger Lockhart; Chrystanya Morgan; Dane Phillips; Robin Royse; Lashann Saterfield and Joie Taylor.

From the 374th Maintenance Squadron: Jerrell Alexander; Scott Bennett; Anthony Brackett; Adam Downes; Sunny Downes; Joseph Dozer; Richard Johnson; Steven Light; Christopher Meyer; Jason Miller; Joseph Mirando; Miles Newton; Anthony Ruy; Joshua Settles; Ryan Shields; and Paul Wyrozynski.

From the 374th Medical Operations Squadron: Jesus Artesi; Anna Klapak;

Nicole Lucas; Carmen Matta; Ontario Rogers; and Ashley Stephens.

From the 374th Medical Support Squadron: Robert Brown; Criselda DeGuia; Thomas Elliott; Eduardo Garcia Perez; Annalis Livingston; Tyrell Schoolfield; and Shavone Simmonds.

From the 374th Mission Support Group: Tyrone Gregory; Tina Hood; Kenneth Johnson; Lydian Myers; Tiffany Pacheco; and Jeremy Trujillo.

From the 374th Mission Support Squadron: Lakesha Walker.

From the 374th Operations Support Squadron: Christopher Biery; Andrea Jackson; and Demetria Williams.

From the 374th Security Forces Squadron: Charles Collins; Ken Dinh; Timothy Keel; Aaron Redd; Kwahera Spears.

From the 730th Air Mobility Squadron: Kelly Blankenship; Timothy Fluharty; Adam Hart; Andres Hernandez; Marc Hobdy; Kirk Jackson; Jason Marceau; Joshua McCurnin; Arnold Ogle; Joshua Sistar; Adam Smith; Timothy Stedelin; Joshua Strandlie; Michael Sumner; Phillip Vos; and Marc Warman.

Political actions of military members and Federal civilian employees

By Capt. Matt McCall
374th Judge Advocate

Most people have probably already heard from their unit's voting representative that 2006 is an election year, and even though stationed overseas, U.S. citizens can still vote in our state elections by using an absentee ballot.

In the run-up to Election Day, it is important for both military members and Federal civilian employees to remember that there are limitations on our political actions.

It is certainly the civic duty of military members to exercise their democratic rights to vote, however, certain political activities are off-limits to active-duty military members and Federal civilian employees.

The restrictions for military personnel are stated in Air Force Instruction 51-902 and the main guidelines are as follows:

- ✓ Don't solicit votes for a particular candidate or political issue.
- ✓ Don't solicit or receive campaign contributions from other military members or civilian employees.
- ✓ Don't distribute petitions, literature and buttons, or perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during the campaign or on election day.
- ✓ Don't publish, partisan political articles signed or authorized by the member to solicit votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate.

- ✓ Don't make contributions to a particular candidate.
- ✓ Don't engage in political activity while on duty or in any government office (this includes sending political emails).
- ✓ Don't use contemptuous words against the president and certain other government officials.
- ✓ Don't display a large political sign, banner, or poster on private vehicle.

Permitted Activities for Military Members

- ✓ Register and then vote for the candidate of your choice.
- ✓ Express personal opinions about issues and candidates, but not as a representative of the military.
- ✓ Write letters to newspapers and magazines expressing your personal view, however, limit such articles to public, nonpartisan issues and sign it personally – not as a military member.
- ✓ Attend rallies and meetings of political clubs, as well as wearing political badges or buttons, when not in uniform.
- ✓ Display political bumper stickers on your personal vehicle.
- ✓ Make contributions to a political party or committee favoring a particular candidate, i.e. – Republican Party or Democratic Party.

The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. §7321, sets out similar restrictions for Federal Civilian Personnel:

- ✓ Don't use official authority or influence to interfere with an election.
 - ✓ Don't solicit or receive campaign contributions unless both individuals are in the same Federal labor organization, and the individual is not a subordinate.
 - ✓ Don't engage in political activity while on duty or in any government office, including sending political e-mails.
 - ✓ Don't wear partisan political buttons on duty.
- Permitted Activities for Federal Civilian Personnel:**
- ✓ Register and then vote for the candidate of your choice.
 - ✓ Express personal opinions about issues and candidates.
 - ✓ Attend rallies and meetings of political clubs, as well as wearing political badges or buttons, when not on duty.
 - ✓ Join and be an active member of a political party or club.
 - ✓ Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections.
 - ✓ Display political bumper stickers on your personal vehicle.
 - ✓ Make contributions to political organizations.

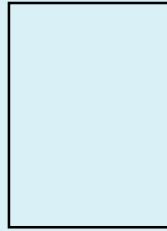
If you have questions or want more information on this topic, come by the base legal office. Remember, don't forget to vote, but also don't forget these guidelines.

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Action Line

E-mail: action.lines-1@yokota.af.mil

The Action Line is your direct line to me. Use it if you have questions or comments about Yokota, which couldn't be resolved by your chain of command first. When you send an e-mail, please include your name and phone number so you can be reached if more information is needed.



Col. Scott Goodwin
374th Airlift Wing Commander

While I appreciate the articles in the Fuji Flyer and in the Stars and Stripes about our future cable and Internet capabilities it concerns me that we all are just starting to hear about this considering that the contract is ending in October.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the base have yet to award a new contractor and the word around the water cooler is that most of the potential bidders have either backed out or have not even bothered to come in with an offer because of the

ridiculous requirements.

To make matters worse, from what I have heard about the potential future services is that the soonest a provider may be available to be ready is in January of 2008. Now sir, I do not know what you or the new mission support group commander may feel is "a bit of pain," but I cannot even begin to classify the kind of pain my husband is going to feel when he starts to see it reflect in his paycheck.

Currently, I use Voice Over Internet Protocol to keep in touch with my family both in the Philippines and back in the states. Using VOIP saves my husband over \$250 a month in long distance charges from the communication squadron. Is the 374th Airlift Wing going to reimburse all those who live on base for all the costs they are going to incur to reestablish a semblance of the previous services? The fees I am referring to are the start-up fees to transfer other providers, the cost difference between Americable and the other provider on base, the phone bills that will be incurred since VOIP services may not be available, the fees for cable television services to supplement AFN one-sided news programs, and of course the amount of time my husband is going to spend getting all this setup all over again.

Honestly, I would do away with my request for reimbursement if everyone and any-

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Combat readiness detractors; helping the one percent 'get it'

An airman was charged with two specifications of Article 86, absent without leave. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

An airman first class was charged with three specifications of Article 86, absent without leave. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty, a reprimand and forfeitures of \$250 pay for two months.

A senior airman was charged with one specification of Article 134, disorderly conduct, drunkenness. Punishment consisted of reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant was charged with three specifications of Article 134, indecent assault. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant was charged with two specifications of Article 128, assault. Punishment consisted of 30 days extra duty, 30 days restriction, a reprimand and forfeitures of \$200 for two months.

An airman was charged with one specification of Article 86, absent without leave. Punishment consisted of reduction to airman basic, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class was charged with

one specification of Article 91, insubordinate conduct toward a noncommissioned officer. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty, 30 days restriction and a reprimand.

An airman first class was charged with one specification of Article 11, drunken operation of a vehicle. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman, 60 days restriction, a reprimand and suspended forfeiture of \$413.70 pay per month for two months.

A technical sergeant was charged with one specification of Article 134, adultery and one specification of Article 86, absent without leave.

Punishment consisted of a reprimand and forfeiture of \$1432 pay for two months.

A senior airman was charged with one specification of Article 92, failure to obey an order or regulation. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman first class and a suspended reduction to airman, 60 days restriction and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant was charged with one specification of Article 92, failure to obey an order or regulation and one specification of Article 128, assault. Punishment consisted of reduction to senior airman and a reprimand. (Courtesy of JA)

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Action Line

one who was involved from the start would answer the following questions:

- 1) Who asked if anyone wanted video on demand, fiber optic lines in every home and VOIP services all bundled in a single line?
- 2) Who thought that it would be okay for the lowest end service to have an estimated cost of \$100 per month?
- 3) Who thought that any company would come in and install fiber optic lines all over the base in six months at the cost around \$25 million for such a small customer base?
- 4) Why were the communication squadron and AAFES squabbling for so long?
- 5) Why was the contract's request for quote so late?
- 6) Is our Cost of Living Allowance going to increase to compensate for paying for the new services?

There are a number of concerns that have not even been addressed in the Fuji Flyer, let alone in the Stars and Stripes. It is feeling as though we are getting half of the story to keep people happy, when the whole story would really make people happier that they knew the whole truth so at least they could plan their lives instead of being constantly fed tiny bits and pieces of information.

A Thank you for the opportunity to shed some more light on the cable situation here on Yokota Air Base. There is no short answer to your comments so this response will be longer than usual. I share many of the same frustrations you have.

Work on the upcoming cable service transition has been ongoing for over a year. Throughout that time, my guidance to all participants and the goal everyone has been working to first provide excellent service to the customer at a fair, competitive price, and second, ensure a seamless transition between cable providers.

All participants to include base agencies, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Americable have been working together very well. That's not to say there haven't been different viewpoints, but rather the working relationships have been professional and focused on the task at hand. The reason there has been limited publicity to this point has been that there has been very little information to provide to the public.

In the past few weeks it became apparent there may be a gap between the two providers and we began the publicity campaign. As more information becomes available, we will immediately provide it to the community. I apologize in advance for any inconvenience anyone experiences. I'm certain the impact for base residents will cover the entire range from virtually none to significant impact. Unfortunately, your situation seems to be in the latter category.

For those unfamiliar with the situation, here is the background. The franchise agreement with our current cable provider, Americable, expires in late October of this year. It cannot be extended or renewed because the Department of Defense has restricted them from any further business with DoD entities. This prohibition occurred due to the illegal activities of some former corporate officers. In anticipation of a possible gap in cable service, Yokota AB officials did explore the possibility of acquiring a waiver to allow us to extend Americable's franchise agreement to fill the gap but found little support for that initiative. In a separate but unrelated matter, the Air Force decided that all bases that offer commercial telephone service to residents, as we do here at Yokota, would cease to offer that service. That was the right decision for two reasons. First, providing commercial telephone service is not a core warfighting task for us and we must focus our limited manpower and resources on essential warfighting tasks. Second, as you correctly point out, there are many commercial alternatives that may offer better service at a lower price than we can offer. Coincidentally, the timeline for us getting out of that business matched almost exactly the end of Americable's contract.

Department of Defense regulations provide AAFES a right of first refusal for the provision of various services on base. In the cases of both cable and telephone service at Yokota, AAFES exercised their prerogative to offer those services. While polls were not conducted, AAFES selected the bundling of cable television, broadband Internet and telephone

to be offered by a single provider for a number of excellent reasons. This best leverages the boom in digital technology and offers maximum benefit to the customer in terms of cutting-edge technology. It also offers the convenience of a single payment and from a contracting perspective, presents the best chance of securing a strong bid. This model has worked well at other locations and there is no reason to believe it won't work well here at Yokota.

You asked why it took so long for the "request for quote" to be issued. There may be some misconceptions regarding that. The requirements were jointly developed by the base and AAFES with an eye towards bringing base residents the benefits of the latest technology. AAFES' first solicitation for bids was released in December of last year. Unfortunately they received only one response and that bid was deemed to not meet the requirements. Consequently, a second solicitation was issued in March of this year and AAFES is now in the process of negotiating the contract. AAFES received three bids and has tentatively selected the winner. They are very close to finalizing the contract. Because those arrangements are being finalized, I cannot comment on them here. As soon as those details are available, we will publish them. Here's what I can say. The ideal solution of a seamless transition was only possible if Americable and the prospective new provider could reach an agreement on the transfer of infrastructure. Much to our disappointment, that has not happened. As a result, there may be a gap between contract cable providers. I will address how we will bridge that gap in a moment. The prospective new provider is dedicated to providing first class service and already has a team on the ground at Yokota to finish their site survey and finalize their technical solution. We will work very closely with them to accelerate their timeline as much as possible.

Now as to "covering the gap," we expect to see reduced cable service for a period of several months until the new contractor is fully on line in early 2007. The base is postured to provide what will essentially be basic cable service during the interim. Base residents will receive, free of charge, all the current Armed Forces Network programming as well as a handful of Japanese commercial stations. Channels over and above that will not be available until the new provider is up and running. We do not have time or funds to negotiate for any paid programming and are limited to free services. The new contractor's programming list is not available yet. The base will not be able to provide broadband Internet over the cable network. There are other commercial alternatives on base through another AAFES vendor and they support the full range of broadband services. For those using VOIP, any broadband connection should support the service. To ease the financial impact the base has asked AAFES to work with the vendor to waive the connection fee for those who switch their service. The decision on that request is pending. Likewise, we intend to make the same request of the new cable provider. Commercial telephone service will see no change with the current service through the 374th Communications Squadron continuing until the new company's service is in place.

You raised several concerns regarding finances. I addressed one in the paragraph above, waiver of start-up fees. The base cannot reimburse individuals for any of the expenses associated with the transfer but we can and will work with the various businesses to minimize those costs. I'm not sure where you are getting your pricing information from but I can tell you the rate packages have not been set since the contract has not been finalized. Again, we'll work with the company to make sure the charges are fair, reasonable and competitive as well as that there are tiered options for base residents to choose from. Lastly, you asked regarding Cost of Living Allowance. Changes in cable rates will not drive an automatic change in COLA. COLA rates fluctuate monthly based on the exchange rate between the dollar and yen. Additionally, the rates are adjusted every two years based on cost of living surveys. The next survey for Yokota is due in 2007. Cost of cable service is certainly a legitimate input for base residents to include in their survey responses.

Again, we will all experience varying degrees of frustration with this situation. Rest assured, we are working hard to minimize the disruption, impact and frustration for all base residents. My commitment to you, and the rest of the base, is to continue to offer information as it becomes available. Again, thank you for your questions and my apologies for any inconvenience.



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DUI Prevention

Aug. 16 – Aug. 22	1
Total DUIs in August	2
Total in 2006	12

Punishment

.049 or less = car parked for 12 hrs.
.05-.079 = 6 months walking
.081-.149 = 1 year walking
0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

Misconduct Prevention

Aug. 16 – Aug. 22	6
Total incidents in August	6
Total in 2006	65

Punishment

Family members or civilians can lose AAFES, MWR or Commissary privileges; receive fines or restitution, community service hours, evaluation or counseling, curfew, suspension or loss of driving privileges and debarment from base through the Yokota Conduct Adjudication Program.

Yokota's Friendship Festival



Above, future pilots get hands-on experience in the cockpit of a UH-1N Huey helicopter on static display. Visitors were allowed to get in and tour many of the aircraft that were on display.



Left, a young boy darts past the crowd barrier for a moment to get a closer look at the F-15 static display out of Kadena Air Base, Japan. Above, the static display area had over 35 aircraft. Right, over 200 vendors sold memorabilia, food and drinks.



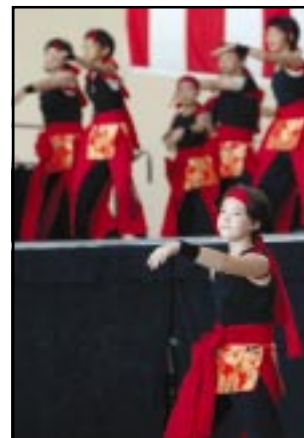
Left, a small boy splashes his face with water to try to combat the high heat which topped off at 91 degrees. With the heat index, the temperature felt like 105 on Saturday. Below, The Air Force's Band of the Pacific – Asia, Pacific Trends, performs on the main stage during the festival. A variety of bands performed throughout the weekend.



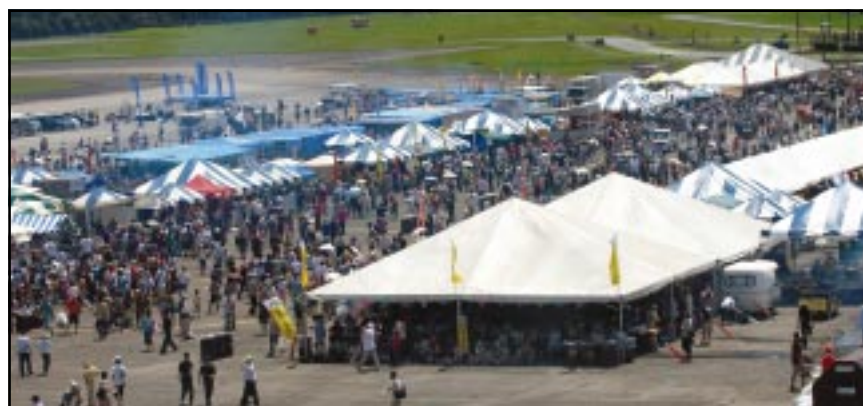
Above, Boy Scouts sell water to visitors from one of more than 200 booths run by base private organizations. Below, visitors handle equipment at the Navy's Explosive Ordnance Disposal booth.



Left, visitors wait their turn to get a look inside the Army's Blackhawk helicopter on static display. Right, children perform the So-ran dance in Hangar 15 on the main stage. There was a variety of different groups performing music and dance during both days of the festival from all around the region.



photos by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown



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Off base

Musashimurayamma Fireworks: Saturday at Noyama-Kita Park from 7:40 to 8:40 p.m. For more details call 042-560-1327.

Tachikawa Summer Festival: Located in the large area from the south side of Tachikawa Station to Suwa Shrine, Saturday and Sunday. The festival starts at 5:30 p.m. with a Japanese dance parade, mikoshi shrine carrying, dashi float parade and taiko performance competition.

The Band of the Pacific – Asia Pacific Trends: Performing at the Apopo Summer Festival Saturday, from 7 to 7:45 p.m., and 8:15 to 9 p.m. in downtown Iruma.

On base

Movies

Today – *Waist Deep*, R, 7 p.m.; *Snakes on a Plane*, R, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Click*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Snakes on a Plane*, R, 7 p.m.; *Waist Deep*, R, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *Superman Returns*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Snakes on a Plane*, R, 7 p.m.

Monday – *Snakes on a Plane*, R, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *Click*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *Superman Returns*, PG-13, 6 p.m.; *Snakes on a Plane*, R, 9:30, (adults only)

Thursday – *Click*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

Homeschool group

The Yokota Homeschool Group hosts monthly meetings, field trips and other events during the school year. Send an e-mail to yokotahomeschoolers@hotmail.com.

Enlisted Spouses Club

The Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club* is looking for people who want to give back to the community. The club meets every first Monday of the month at the Enlisted Club at 6:30 p.m., and is open to enlisted spouses, members and single personnel.

Free movie night

AAFES and the AFRC are sponsoring a free movie night for deployed or deploying members and spouses or a friend. Monday at 5 p.m. at the base theater. Free popcorn and drinks. Call 225-8725.

KUDOS

Kids Understanding Deployment Operations allows children to experience what happens when a parent deploys. Participants will process through deployment lines and receive dog tags. E-mail ruth.montgomery@yokota.af.mil.

Modeling fair

The K & M Modeling Fair for all ages is Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center. E-mail a_fearney@yahoo.com.

Pre-deployment

A pre-deployment briefing is held every Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend the briefing. Call 225-3347.

Give Parents a Break

The next Give Parents a Break day sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society is Sept. 9. Sign up by Sept. 1. For eligibility requirements call the Child Development Center at 225-8810.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center. Come celebrating the 59th Anniversary of the Air Force. Tickets are available through first sergeants. All Yokota Air Base community members are invited. This is a formal event; officers wear the mess dress uniform, enlisted wear the mess dress or semi-formal blues and civilians dress in formal to semiformal.

Car care voucher

First term Airmen and spouses of deployed or temporary duty Airmen are eligible for a \$50 voucher for car care at the AAFES garage sponsored by the AFRC. Call 225-8725.

PT uniform wear date

The mandatory wear date for the Air Force physical training uniform is Oct. 1. Purchase uniforms on base or at AAFES.com. There is a wing run scheduled for Oct. 1.

Spouse employment

If you are a military spouse and would like assistance searching for a job, stop by the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Classes are available to help you get started. For more information, e-mail tracie.hathorn@yokota.af.mil.

Modeling portfolios

Junes Modeling Agency will be at the base library for portfolio updates Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. New models welcome. Call Kei at 090-7241-3165.

West Gate construction

Road work will begin Sept. 5 at the west gate to improve the traffic pattern going toward the gas station. Once the construction is complete, right turns will be allowed from the right lane when entering the gate coming from main base.

Singles' ministry

Young adults and singles of the chapel are welcome.

Tuesdays – Free dinner, Bible discussion and fellowship starts at 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays – Intercessory prayer at 6 p.m. and fellowship and snacks at 7 p.m.

Fridays – “Extreme Coffee Bar” with snacks, drinks and games from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Saturdays – Morning sports activities at the main gym, lunch brunch at 1 p.m. and band practice from 3 to 5 p.m.

Call 225-7009 for details.

Voting Week

The Armed Forces Voting Week is Sept. 3-9. Contact unit voting representatives to complete SF-76 to register as an overseas voter for the 2006 election year. U.S. citizens can vote in state elections by using an absentee ballot.

Samurai Warrior



of the Week



Master Sgt. Robert White

Master Sergeant Robert White, 374th Operations Group, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of sympathy toward all people, sincerity and respect for one's word of honor, absolute loyalty to one's superior and a duty to defend the honor of one's name and guild.

Sergeant White is the Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation Flight Engineer chief. He worked diligently to solve a technical order distribution problem so that aircrews in three different airframes receive their essential flying publications in a timely manner. While on a recent deployment he flew aboard C-130s in both the Iraqi and Afghanistan theater of operations and on multiple combat resupply airdrops in extremely hostile conditions. His efforts there were key to Operation Mountain Thrust.

School meetings

Yokota East Elementary Parent Teacher Organization general membership meeting Aug. 30, at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Yokota West Elementary Student Advisory Committee first meeting is Sept. 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the school conference room.

Yokota Middle School PTO meeting Sept. 6, at 3 p.m. in the school conference room.

Yokota High School PTO meeting Sept. 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the school library.

Airmen's Attic

Volunteers are needed to work at the Airmen's Attic to staff the store and sort donations. Call Master Sgt. Ortiz at 225-4126.

College registration

Register now for the fall semester with The University of Maryland University College or Central Texas College at the Base Training and Education office. Classes are still available and begin the first week of September.

Housing Office

The Housing Flight offices will be closed Sept. 1 in observance of a scheduled down day. Normal hours of operation will resume on Sept. 4.

Chapel schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel
Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Korean Service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

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“Quotes” & Things

“Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I can assure you it is much more serious than that.”

Bill Shankly,
on the importance
of soccer in Europe

Ekiden Road Relay: The 17th Annual Camp Zama Ekiden Road Relay will be held at Sagami Depot on Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. Call 263-7980.

Sports Physicals: To schedule an appointment for your children's sports physical, call 225-8864.

Fit Mom: Mothers who are with child can attend this class, held Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. at the Natatorium. Exercises include walking in water, hydro-circuits, swimming and walk activities. Call 225-8322.

Start Smart Soccer: The season runs from Sept. 16 to Oct. 21, registration goes through Sept. 14. Cost is \$30. Mandatory parents meeting Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. at the East Youth Center. Call 225-7441.

Youth Volleyball: Registration is Sept. 5 to 29, the season runs from Nov. 4 to Dec. 16. Call 225-7441.

Youth Flag Football: The season runs from Nov. 4 to Dec. 16, registration is Sept. 5 to 29. Call 225-7441.

Cheerleading Registration: Season is Nov. 4 through Feb. 17, registration is Sept. 5 to 29. Call 225-7441.

Intramural soccer fires up competitive spirit



Above, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron “B” team, in red, takes on the 374th Maintenance Group in intramural action Friday night. CES B won the match 3-1, improving their record and moving them up in the National League standings. Right, two CES B team members converge to win the ball from MXG. Below, Daren Harmon, in blue, does his best to elude the out-stretched leg of a defender.



photos by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown

2006 Intramural Soccer League Schedule

National

Monday

5:30 p.m. CES B at USFJ
6:30 p.m. OG at AAFES
7:30 p.m. MXG at SVS

Tuesday

8:30 p.m. AAFES at OG

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. OG at USFJ
6:30 p.m. MDG A at AAFES
Tuesday, Sept. 5
6:30 p.m. AAFES at CES B
7:30 p.m. MDG A at SVS

American

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. LRS at CES A
6:30 p.m. DFAS/CPTS at 730 AMS

7:30 p.m. CES A at 730 AMS

Thursday

5:30 p.m. 36 AS at DFAS/CPTS
6:30 p.m. COMM at LRS
7:30 p.m. 730 AMS at MDG B

* all games at Yokota Field



2006 Intramural Soccer League Standings

National

TEAM

W

L

Ties

AAFES

6

0

0

MDG A

5

2

1

OG

4

2

1

SVS

3

2

3

MXG

4

5

0

CES B

2

5

1

FITNESS

0

1

0

USFJ

0

7

0

American

TEAM

W

L

Ties

DFAS/CPTS

8

0

0

COMM

5

3

1

CES A

4

3

1

36 AS

5

4

0

LRS

4

4

0

730 AMS

2

5

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MDG B

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